

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, February 15, 2001

HOUSE

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2001, at 2:00 p.m.

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 345. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strike the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (*Title 18*)

Allard

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S. 346. *A bill to amend chapter 3 of title 28, United States Code, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into two circuits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*
"...While this bill is not the first attempt to solve the crisis of the Ninth Circuit, I believe the need for change has never been greater. The Ninth Circuit has grown so large, and has drifted so far from prudent legal reasoning, that sweeping change is in order. [] This bill will divide the Ninth Circuit into two independent circuits. The new Ninth Circuit would contain Arizona, California, and Nevada. A new Twelfth Circuit would be composed of Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Immediately upon enactment, the concerns of the White Commission will be addressed. A more cohesive, efficient, and predictable judiciary will emerge..."

Murkowski

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S. 349. A bill to *provide funds to the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hutchinson

Pages S 1462, S 1479-81

S. 357. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to preserve and improve the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

Breaux

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S. 358. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare Prescription Drug and Supplemental Benefit Program and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Breaux

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S. 374. A bill to authorize the operation by the National Guard of counterdrug schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Grassley

Pages S 1463, S 1517-18

S. 379. A bill to *establish the National Commission on the Modernization of Federal Elections* to conduct a study of Federal voting procedures and election administration, to establish the Federal Election Modernization Grant Program to provide grants to States and localities for the modernization of voting procedures and election administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Schumer

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Measures Introduced (Cont'd.):

S. 382. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Snowe

Pages S 1463, S 1524-5

Measure Passed:

John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse: *Senate passed H.R. 559, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston, Massachusetts, as the "John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse."*

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Committee Meeting:

Committee on the Judiciary: *Committee began mark up of an original bill, to amend title 11, United States Code, but did not complete action thereon and recessed subject to call.*

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Next SENATE MEETING: Monday, 12:00 p.m., February 26, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Monday, 2:00 p.m., February 26, 2001.

OLA: S. Smith, J. Homanich